

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-124-C - ORDER NO. 2008-277

APRIL 15, 2008

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)	ORDER GRANTING
d/b/a AT&T South Carolina for Review of)	NPA-NXX RELIEF FOR
NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the)	GREENVILLE RATE
Greenville Rate Center (Greenville County)	CENTER
School District))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) by way of a Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T” or the “Company”) for Review of NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the Greenville Rate Center. On or about March 7, 2008, AT&T submitted a Pooling Administration System request to the North American Numbering Plan Administration (“NANPA”) and NeuStar for the assignment of the ten thousand number block in the (864) 356 NXX, or the (864) 354 NXX, or the (864) 357 NXX to go with its customer’s existing dialing plan in the Greenville, South Carolina exchange. The requested NXXs are listed in order of the customer’s preference, and they are needed to meet the numbering demands of Greenville County School District. This customer is requesting these telephone number blocks for, among other things, the upcoming addition of five schools. AT&T states that it does not have the existing numbers to meet the customer’s request. It is requesting that the numbers be assigned to it. However, the record shows that NANPA denied AT&T’s request because AT&T fails to meet the rate

center based months-to-exhaust (MTE) set forth in the Central Office Code NXX Guidelines.

NANPA's refusal is based on the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") "rate center" basis for determining the need for new numbering resources. Under FCC rules, carriers must exhaust their numbering inventory within six months of the application and meet a rate center utilization threshold of 75 percent in order to receive additional numbering resources. The record reveals that AT&T is 47.45 months from exhausting their inventory, although it is using 75.04 percent of its numbering resources.

AT&T petitions the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision. It maintains that it does not have the resources in the Greenville rate center necessary to provide the service requested by its customer, and it will therefore be unable to provide the telecommunications services requested by the customer if these additional numbering resources are not obtained. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff states that it has no objections to the Commission granting AT&T's request and believes that the public interest will be served by granting these additional numbering resources.

To this end, the Commission has the authority under both the FCC's rules and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines to review a decision by NANPA denying a request for numbering resources. Further, under previous procedures used by NANPA, waivers or exceptions were typically granted in any case where customer hardships could be demonstrated or where the service provider's inventory did not have a block of numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under NANPA's existing

procedures, however, if a carrier fails to meet the MTE threshold for the entire rate center, it will deny granting additional numbering resources and allows no exceptions.

We grant the AT&T Petition for Review, and reverse NANPA's decision.

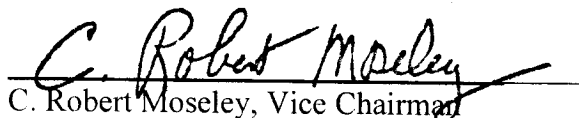
Under the stated authority, we find that that AT&T has demonstrated receipt of a customer request for numbering resources in the Greenville rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory. Furthermore, these additional numbering resources are necessary for AT&T to provide this customer with its required telecommunications service. Consequently, we hold that NANPA is hereby directed to provide AT&T with the (864) 356 or (864) 354 or (864) 357 ten thousand number block for the Greenville Rate Center (the requested NXXs are listed in order of preference).

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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